

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 607
By Davis

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative David L. Coffey for his meritorious service to the Tennessee General Assembly and the state of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Representative David L. Coffey is one such remarkable public servant, who has been an effective voice for the citizens of House District 33, in Oak Ridge, and the people of Tennessee, for a decade, in the Ninety-Fifth through Ninety-Ninth General Assemblies, compiling an exceptional record of accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, he has served with skill and intelligence as a member of the House Commerce Committee and Finance, Ways and Means Committee and as an expert member of the National Conference of State Legislatures' Legislative Working Group on Monitored Retrievable Storage 1992-1993; and

WHEREAS, our friend and highly respected colleague received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics and Mathematics from King College and did graduate studies at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, David is a former staff member of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Oak Ridge Associated Universities; and

WHEREAS, he is chairman and CEO of the very successful Cryomagnetics, Inc., and is a leading Oak Ridge businessman; and

WHEREAS, his charitable work is exemplary, reflecting the finest traditions of the Volunteer state; and

WHEREAS, he is married to his charming wife, Patricia Baumgardner, and this blessed union produced three successful children and six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, ten years ago Pat and David generously set up a scholarship fund for Anderson County residents. The Coffey Educational Fund has helped numerous average students further their education and become productive citizens, when they could not otherwise afford higher education; and

WHEREAS, always willing to lend a helping hand, David is past president of the Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary and the Oak Ridge Jaycees, past executive vice-president of the Tennessee Jaycees and past chairman of the Anderson County United Way; and WHEREAS, our very talented and knowledgeable friend has been specially recognized and honored numerous times, including being selected Oak Ridge Young Man of the Year in 1965, Tennessee Young Man of the Year in 1965, and Coopers and Lybrand Entrepreneur of the Year 1991. He served admirably as House Republican Floor Leader from 1989-1990; and

WHEREAS, a concerned person whose willingness to help those in need knows no bounds, David is highly regarded as a professional and friend and is known for his dependability; and

WHEREAS, David is the perfect example of a person totally committed to family and the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Representative David L. Coffey for his meritorious service and unflagging commitment to public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.